



December 6, 2018

Senator Cory Gardner
U.S. Senate
354 Russell Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Gardner:

The Colorado Mining Association (CMA), would like to express our appreciation for your long-standing leadership on advancing Good Samaritan legislation. CMA has been an avid supporter of finding a legislative solution to the remediation of historic, abandoned mine sites in Colorado. As you know, CMA and its members have developed strong partnerships with both members of Congress, non-profit organizations and the State of Colorado to develop ideas and solutions to address these challenging mine sites.

We support your introduction of the "Good Samaritan Remediation of Orphaned Hardrock Mines Act of 2018." We believe this legislation offers a commonsense solution by creating a system for pilot projects that will result in meaningful environmental improvements.

While modern mining is conducted using state-of-the-art methods and technologies and complies with today's thorough federal and state regulations, those same laws have deterred the cleanup of legacy mines. Our industry has the expertise and desire to rehabilitate these lands and improve the surrounding land and water resources. Your legislation would allow mining companies, as well as conservationists and local communities, to volunteer to complete this important work by removing unnecessary legal obstacles for pilot projects.

Finally, CMA has discussed the opportunity to collaborate with EPA's Region 8 office in Denver on this topic, and hope legislative developments will facilitate partnerships that will benefit the local communities in which these mine sites are located.

We thank you for your continued efforts to address this important issue and look forward to working with you and your congressional colleagues to enact it.

Sincerely,
Stan Dempsey, Jr.